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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Shinichiro YAMASHITA

Application No.: 10/806,986

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM, CONTROL  
METHOD FOR STORAGE  
SYSTEM, AND STORAGE  
CONTROL UNIT

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 2191

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3762

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.